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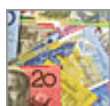
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Population



POPULATION

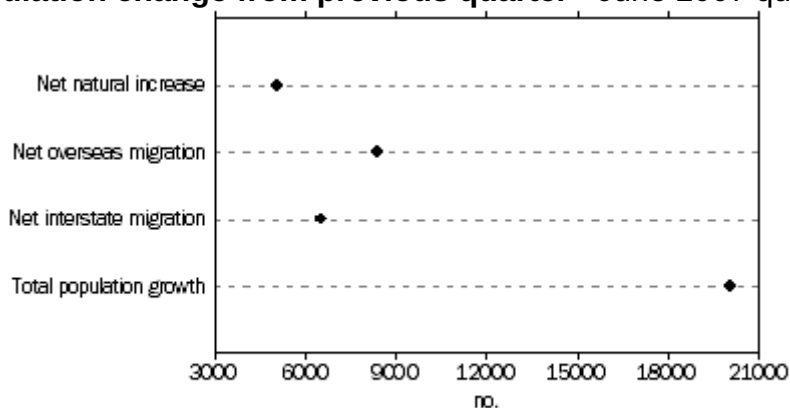
Population Change, Queensland
Regional Population Growth

POPULATION CHANGE, QUEENSLAND

The preliminary estimated resident population (ERP) for Queensland was 4,182,100 at 30 June 2007, an increase of 90,500 (2.2%) since 30 June 2006. Queensland accounted for 20% of the Australian population at 30 June 2007.

Between the March 2007 quarter and the June 2007 quarter, 25% (5,100 persons) of the total population increase of 20,000 persons was due to net natural increase (excess of births over deaths), 42% (8,400 persons) was attributable to net overseas migration and 33% (6,600 persons) to net interstate migration.

Population change from previous quarter - June 2007 quarter



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

Further information about Queensland's population can be accessed from [Australian Demographic Statistics](#) (cat. no. 3101.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH

At 30 June 2006, the Queensland population was estimated to be 4,091,500 persons. The south east corner comprising Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and West Moreton Statistical Divisions accounted for two-thirds (66%) of the state's population.

Regional Population(a), By Statistical Division - At 30 June - 2001 and 2006

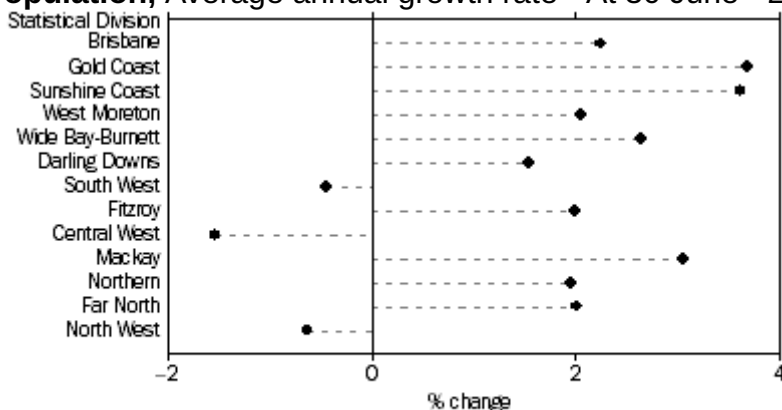
	2001 '000	2006 '000
Statistical division		
Brisbane	1 629.1	1 820.4
Gold Coast	432.6	518.1
Sunshine Coast	247.2	295.1
West Moreton	65.7	72.7
Wide Bay-Burnett	236.5	269.3
Darling Downs	210.4	227.1
South West	27.0	26.4
Fitzroy	181.7	200.6
Central West	12.5	11.6
Mackay	137.5	159.9
Northern	190.3	209.6

	Far North	224.2	247.6
	North West	34.3	33.2
Queensland		3 628.9	4 091.5

(a) Estimates of the resident population as at 30 June 2001 are final. Data for 2006 are preliminary.
Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

The fastest growing statistical divisions over the five years between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2006 were Gold Coast with an average annual growth rate of 3.7%, Sunshine Coast (3.6%) and Mackay (3.1%). Three statistical divisions recorded negative average annual growth during the same period: South West (-0.4%), North West (-0.6%) and Central West (-1.5%).

Regional Population, Average annual growth rate - At 30 June - 2001 to 2006



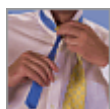
Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (cat. no. 3218.0).

Note: On 24 July 2007, the ABS released preliminary rebased estimates of regional population for June 2006, based on the results of the 2006 Census of Population and Housing. On 1 October 2007, additional data was released with this product. At that time, spreadsheets and a data cube containing estimates for all years from June 1996 to June 2006 became available.

For more information on Queensland's regional population distribution, please refer to [Regional Population Growth, Australia](#) (cat. no. 3218.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released annually.

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Labour Force



LABOUR FORCE

Job Vacancies
Employed Persons
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JOB VACANCIES

In original terms, Queensland's total number of job vacancies decreased to 37,300 in November 2007 from 38,500 in August 2007. The November 2007 vacancies were 3.9% lower than in November 2006. Public sector vacancies accounted for just over one in ten (12%) of total job vacancies in November 2007.

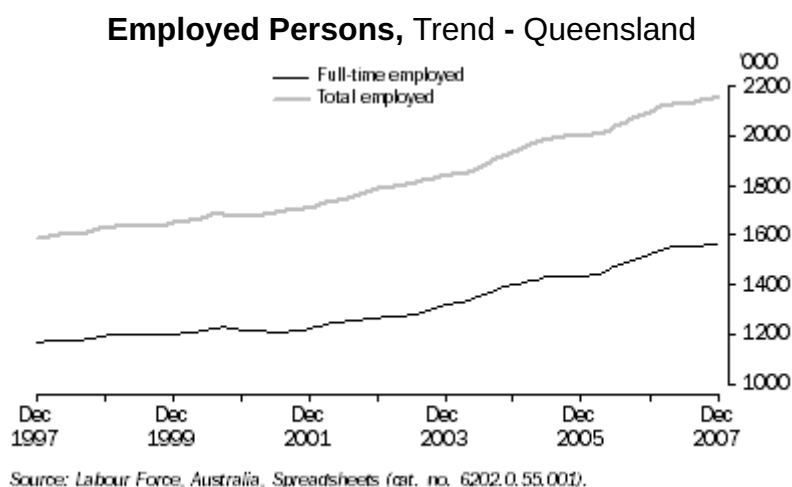


Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Job Vacancies, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6354.0). This publication is released quarterly.

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EMPLOYED PERSONS

In December 2007, total employment in Queensland in trend terms rose to 2,159,900 persons. Full-time employed persons (1,567,300) accounted for 73% of total employed persons. Males accounted for 65% of full-time employed persons and 55% of total employed persons.

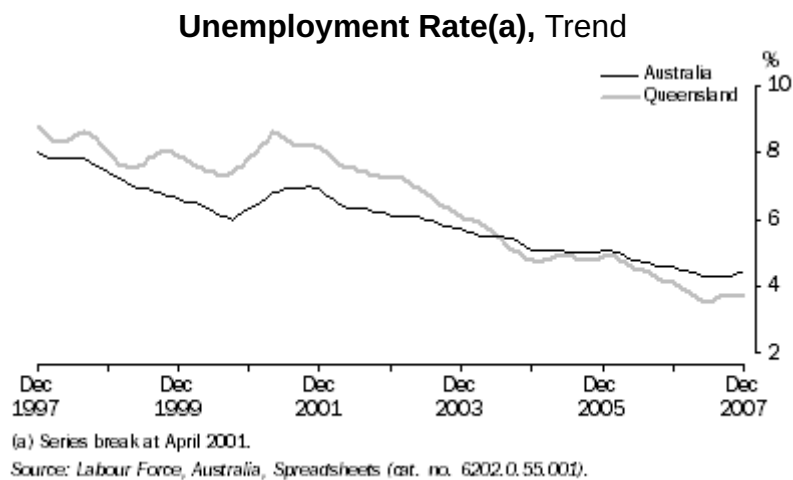


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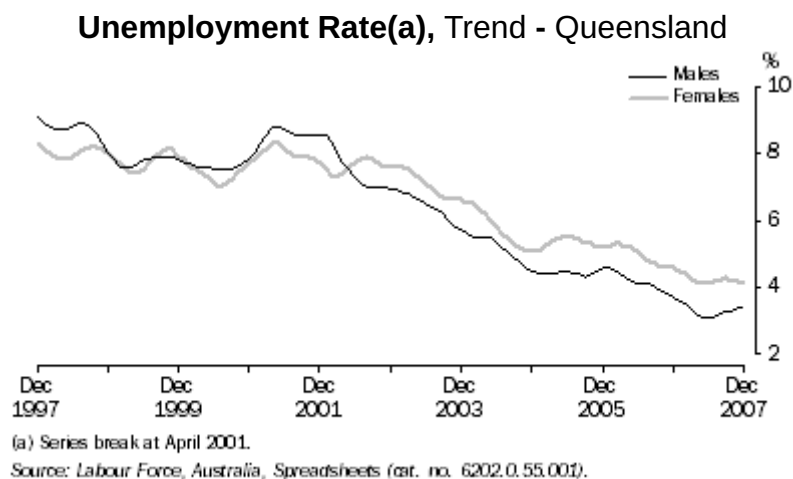
UNEMPLOYMENT

The trend estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland for December

2007 was 83,200 persons. This equates to an unemployment rate of 3.7%. Since July 2004, in trend estimate terms, the Queensland unemployment rate has been lower than the national unemployment rate.



Females accounted for 50% of the number of unemployed persons in Queensland in December 2007 and had an unemployment rate of 4.1%. The corresponding male unemployment rate was 3.4%. Females have had higher rates of unemployment than their male counterparts since May 2002.

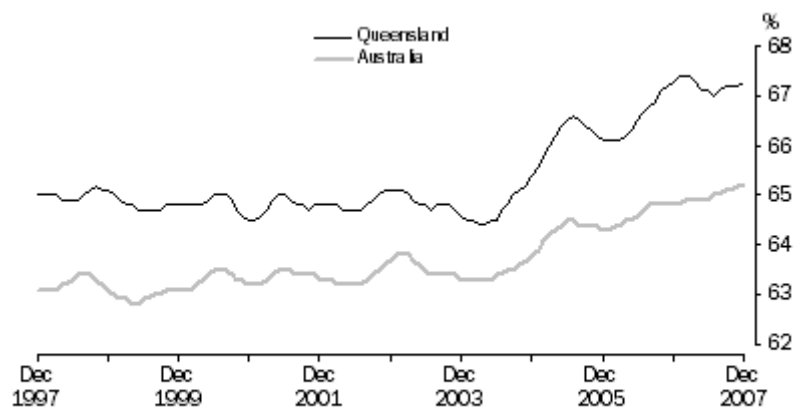


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PARTICIPATION RATE

The trend estimate of the participation rate for Queensland in December 2007 was 67.3%. This rate is 3.4% higher than December 1997. Queensland has consistently recorded higher participation rates than the national average.

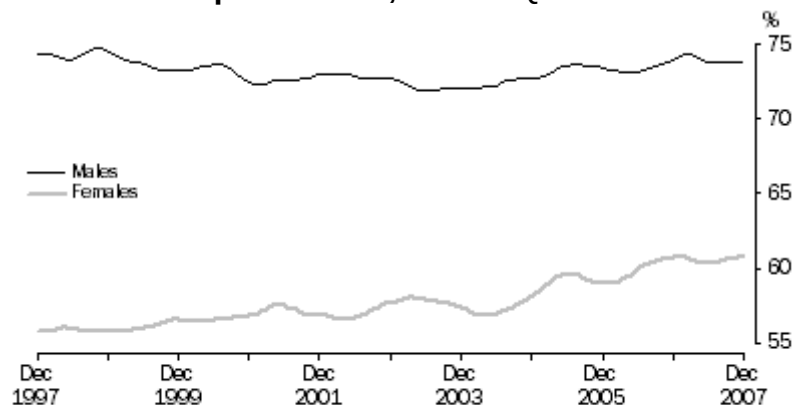
Participation Rate, Trend



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets, (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001).

For Queensland, the trend participation rate for females has been over 60% since July 2006, and was 60.7% in December 2007. This is an 8.8% increase on the female participation rate recorded in December 1997. The male participation rate in December 2007 was 73.9%, a decrease of -0.6% on the rate recorded for December 1997.

Participation Rate, Trend - Queensland



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001).

Further information on these topics can be accessed at [Labour Force, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6202.0) and [Labour Force, Australia, Spreadsheets](#) (cat. no. 6202.0.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. These publications are released monthly.

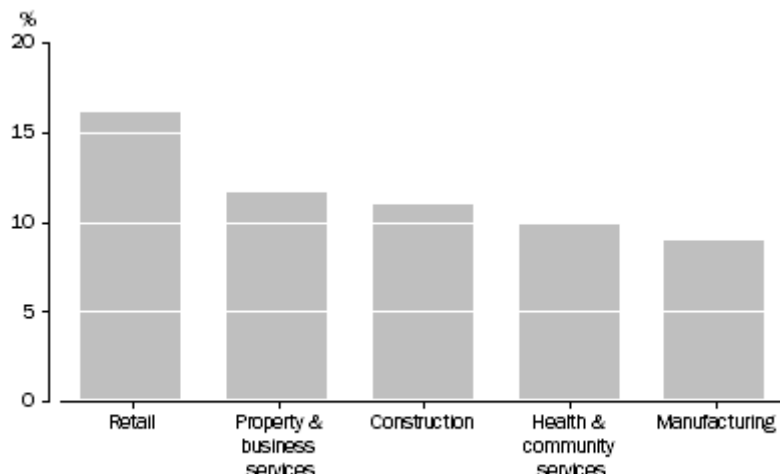
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EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY

There were 2,158,700 employed persons in Queensland in November 2007. The industries with the most number of employed persons were Retail trade (346,600), Property and business services (252,100) and Construction (236,500). Those industries employing the least number of persons included Electricity, gas and water (16,200), Communication services (34,900) and Mining (40,000).

The five major industries with the most number of employed persons accounted for over half (58%) of Queensland's employed.

Employed Persons by Industry, Original - Percentage of total employed: Queensland - November 2007



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

In the year November 2006 to November 2007, the greatest increase of employed persons occurred in Communication services (26%). In the same period, Finance and Insurance had the greatest decrease in employed persons with a reduction of 16%.

Note: Employed persons by industry has been reported in original terms and cannot be directly compared to the trend estimates reported for Labour Force.

For more detailed information on this topic, please refer to [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly](#) (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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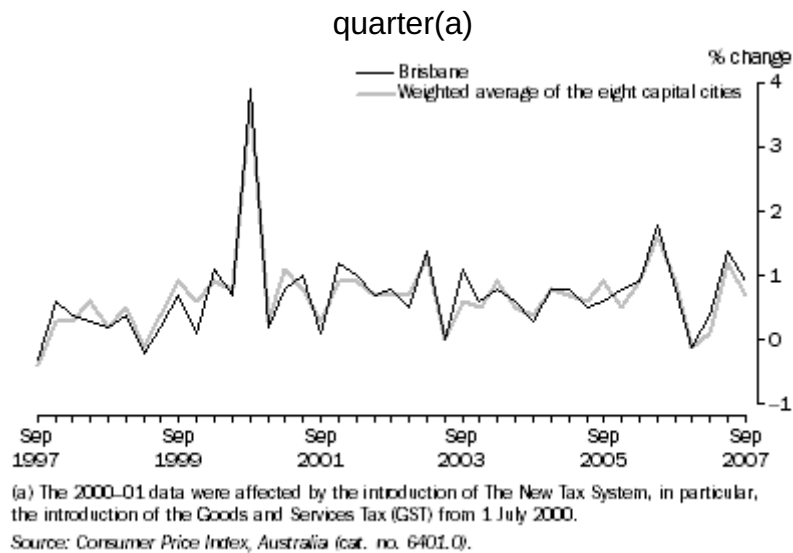
PRICES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The all groups consumer price index (CPI) for Brisbane increased by 2.7% in the 12 months to September 2007, compared to a 1.9% rise in the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

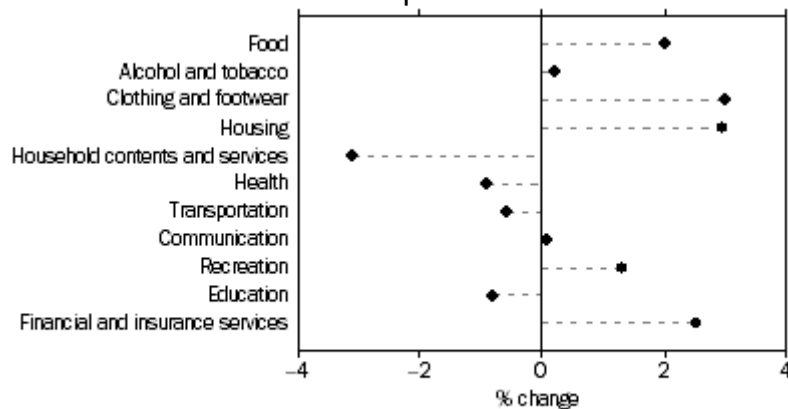
Brisbane's CPI rose by 0.9% between the June quarter and the September quarter 2007 and for the same period, the weighted average of the eight capital cities rose by 0.7%.

Consumer Price Index - All Groups, Original - Percentage change from previous



In the September 2007 quarter, the categories with the largest percentage increases in Brisbane were Clothing and footwear (3.0%), Housing (2.9%) and Financial and insurance services (2.5%). Increases in fruit and vegetable prices, rents and house purchase made significant contributions to the Food and Housing groups, respectively. Household contents and services (-3.1%) and Health (-0.9%) experienced falls in prices between the June quarter and the September quarter 2007.

CPI Movement, Brisbane, Original - Percentage change from previous quarter: September 2007 quarter



For more detailed information on the consumer price index, please refer to [Consumer Price Index, Australia](#) (cat no. 6401.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

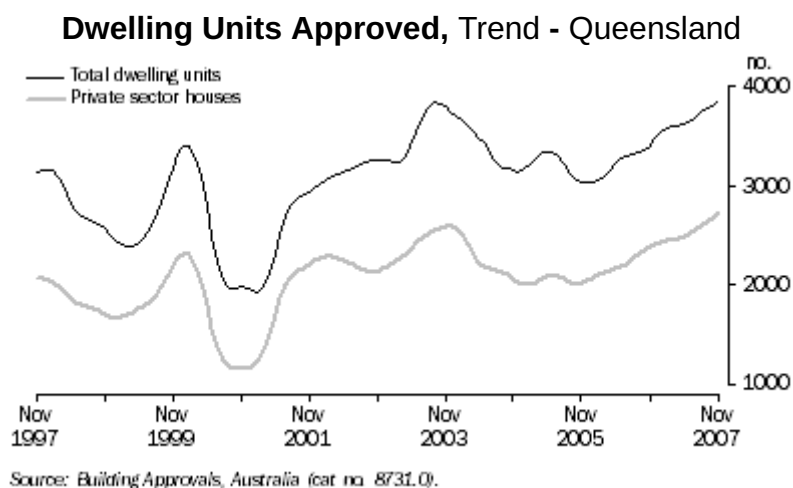
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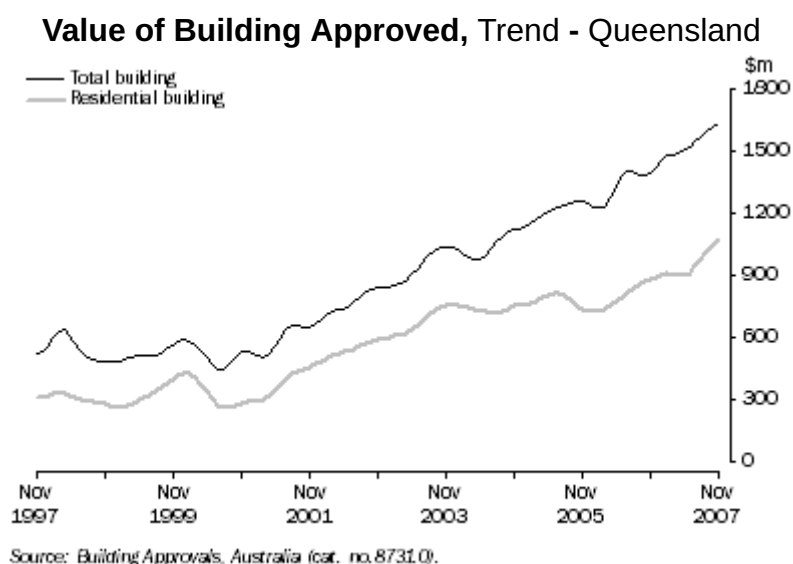
PRODUCTION

BUILDING APPROVALS

In November 2007, the total number of dwelling units approved in Queensland in trend terms was 3,857. The trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved for November 2007 showed total approvals have been steadily increasing for the last 22 months. The trend estimate for private sector houses was 2,724 approvals which represents 71% of total dwelling units approved.



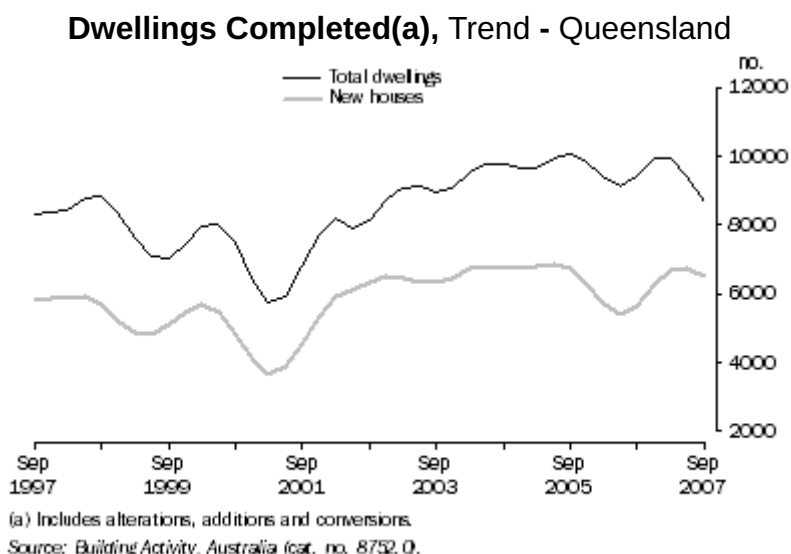
In November 2007, the total value in trend terms of building approvals was \$1,634.8 million a 17% increase from November 2006. Residential buildings accounted for 66% of the total value of buildings.



For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Approvals, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8731.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

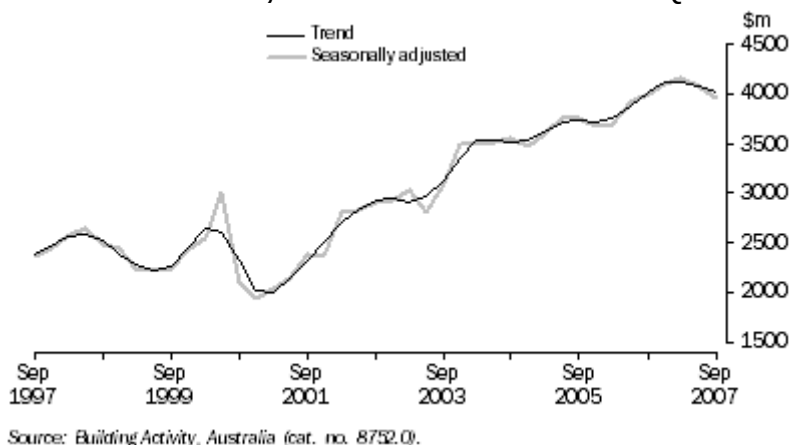
BUILDING ACTIVITY

In the September 2007 quarter, the total number of dwellings completed in trend terms in Queensland was 8,659. This is a decrease of -8.2% from the June 2007 quarter. There were 6,510 new houses completed during the September 2007 quarter which represents 75% of the total number of dwelling units completed.



In the September 2007 quarter, the trend estimate of the value of total building work done was \$4,013.0 million, a -0.1% decrease from September 2006 quarter.

Value of Work Done, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland



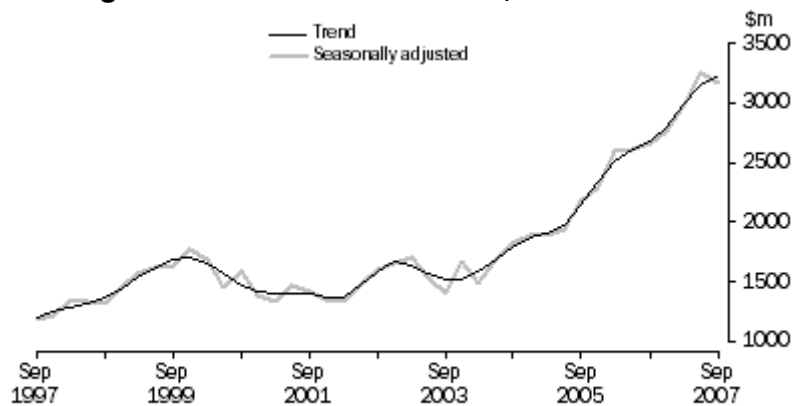
For more information on this topic, please refer to [Building Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8752.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

Between the June 2007 and September 2007 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of the value of engineering construction increased by 3.0% to \$3240.1 million. This continues the period of strong growth since December 2003 quarter.

Engineering Construction Work Done, Chain Volume Measures



Source: Engineering Construction Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8762.0).

For further information on this topic, access [Engineering Construction Activity, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8762.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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Housing Finance



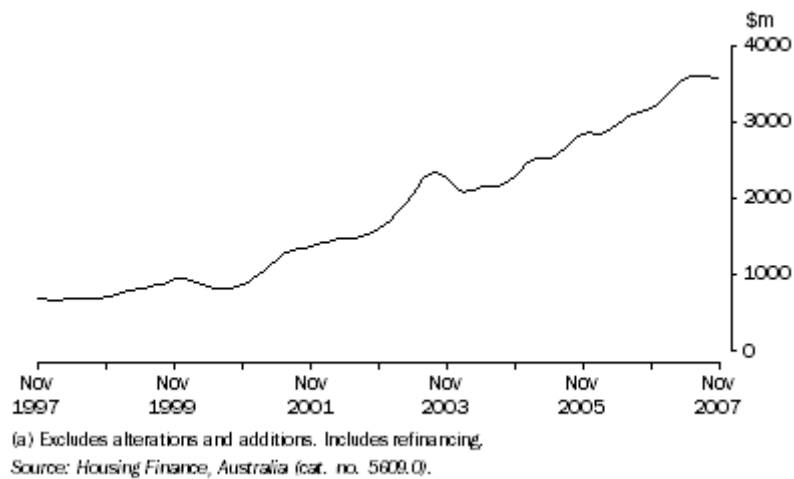
HOUSING FINANCE

HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS

The number of owner occupied housing commitments in trend estimate terms increased by 1.9% to 14,754 in November 2007 when compared with November 2006.

The trend estimate of the total value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in Queensland has risen by 12% to \$3,572 million in the 12 months to November 2007. In terms of the trend estimate, the value of housing finance commitments showed a slight decrease of -0.2% from October 2007, the fourth consecutive monthly decrease after 18 months of growth.

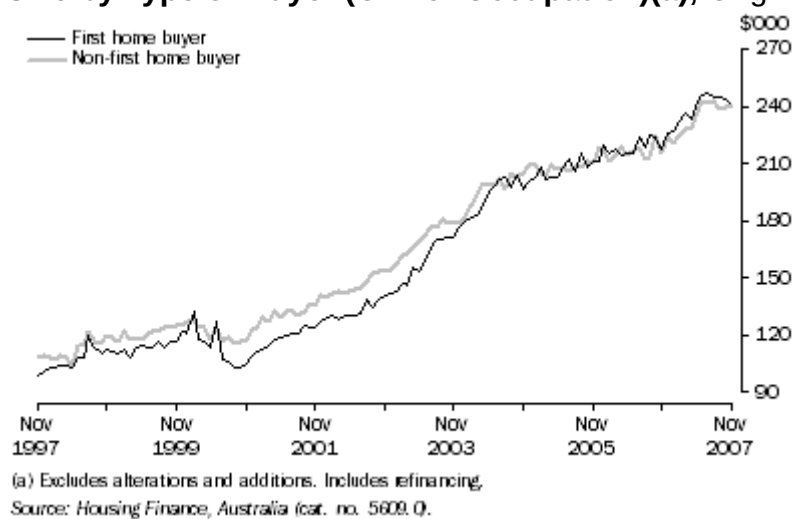
Housing Finance Commitments (Owner Occupation)(a), Trend - Queensland



Since November 1997, the average home loan commitment for owner occupied dwellings in Queensland has more than doubled from \$106,100 to \$240,200.

In November 2007, the average loan size for first home buyers (\$240,500) was 0.2% higher than for non-first home buyers (\$240,100).

Average Loan Size by Type of Buyer (Owner Occupation)(a), Original - Queensland



Further information on this topic is available in [Housing Finance, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5609.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

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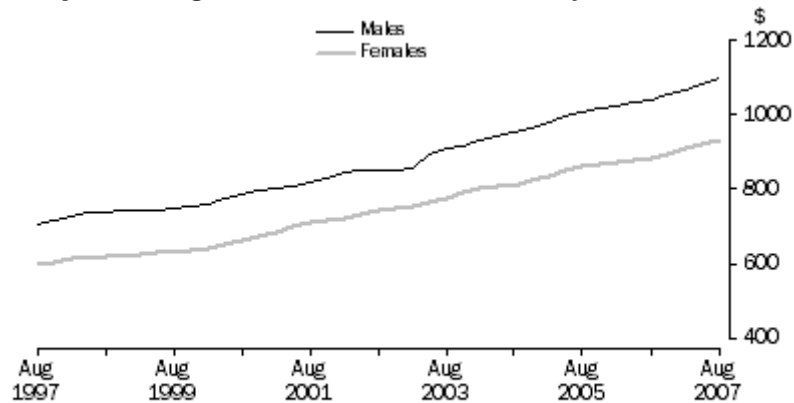
INCOMES

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult persons in Queensland increased by 4.9% to \$1,033.30 in the 12 months to August 2007. Nationally, the corresponding increase was marginally higher at 5.0% (up to \$1,103.60).

The trend estimate of full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings in Queensland rose by 5.3% for both males and females over the 12 months to August 2007. The August 2007 female estimate of \$931.10 was 85% of the corresponding male estimate of \$1,097.20.

Average Weekly Earnings, Full-Time Adult Ordinary Time - Trend: Queensland



Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0).

More information on average weekly earnings can be accessed at [Average Weekly Earnings, Australia](#) (cat. no. 6302.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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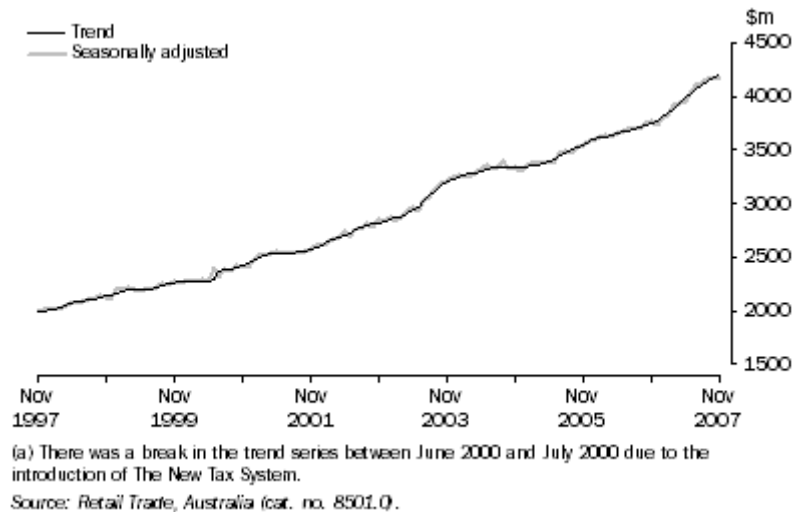
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RETAIL TRADE

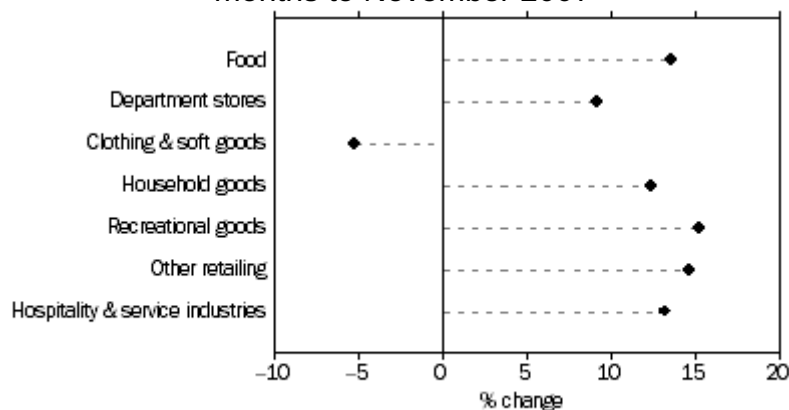
The November 2007 trend estimate for Queensland's retail turnover was \$4,202.0 million, a 12% increase since November 2006. Food retailing accounted for 40% of total retail turnover in November 2007 and Hospitality and service industries turnover contributed 19%.

Retail turnover(a), All Industries - Queensland



In the twelve months to November 2007, the industry groups with the largest percentage increases in retail turnover (trend) were Recreational goods and Other retailing, both rising 15% to \$155.2 million and \$386.6 million, respectively. Clothing and soft goods retailing was the only group to show a decrease: -5.2% to \$229.6 million.

Retail Turnover By Industry Group, Queensland, Trend - Percentage change over twelve months to November 2007



Further information about this topic can be accessed at [Retail Trade, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8501.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

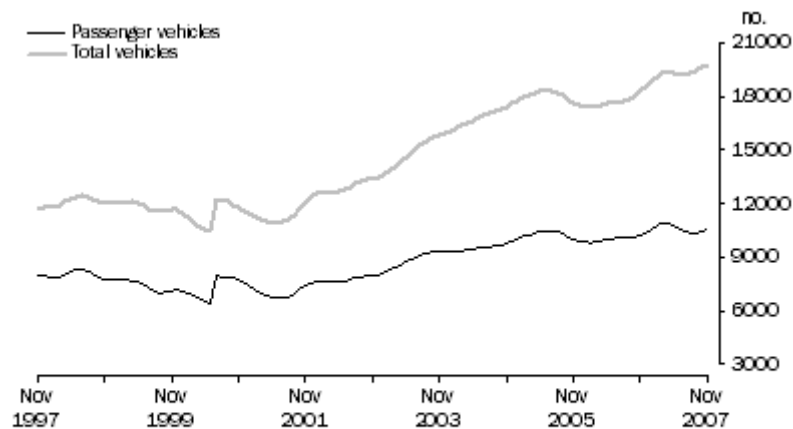
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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

In trend terms, 10,548 new passenger vehicles and 19,812 vehicles in total were sold in November 2007 in Queensland. Corresponding sales for Australia were 52,117 and 89,182.

In November 1997, new passenger vehicle sales accounted for 68% of total new vehicle sales in Queensland. By November 2007, the proportion of new passenger vehicle sales had fallen to 53%.

New Motor Vehicle Sales, Trend(a) - Queensland



(a) There was a break in the trend series between June 2000 and July 2000 due to the introduction of The New Tax System.

Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Electronic Delivery (cat. no. 9341.0.55.001).

Further information about new motor vehicle sales can be accessed from [Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia](#) (cat no. 9314.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released monthly.

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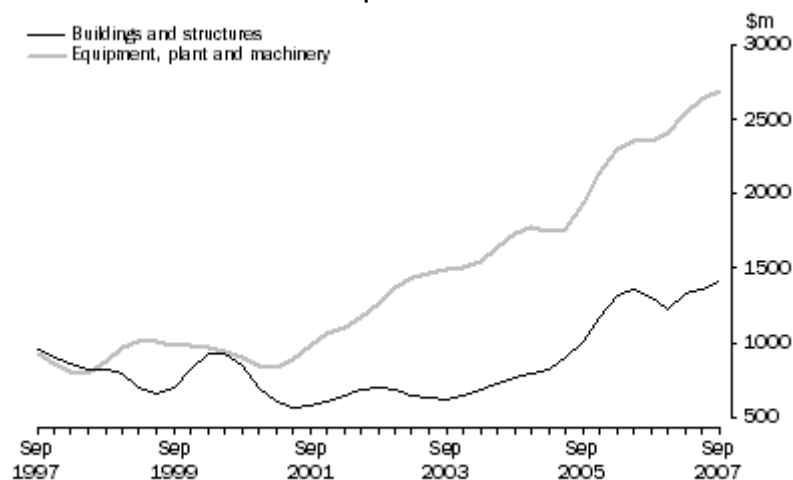
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Between the June 2007 and the September 2007 quarters, the Queensland chain volume trend estimate of private new capital expenditure increased by 2.9% to \$4,107 million.

Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery increased by 2.5% to \$2,699 million while expenditure on Buildings and structures increased by 3.6% to \$1,408 million.

Comparing the September 2007 quarter with the September 2006 quarter, Queensland's total private new capital expenditure increased by 12%. Expenditure on Equipment, plant and machinery grew by 15% and expenditure on Buildings and structures increased by 8.3%.

Private New Capital Expenditure, Trend, Chain Volume Measures - Queensland: by quarter



Source: Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0).

Further information on this topic can be accessed at [Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia](#) (cat. no. 5625.0) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication is released quarterly.

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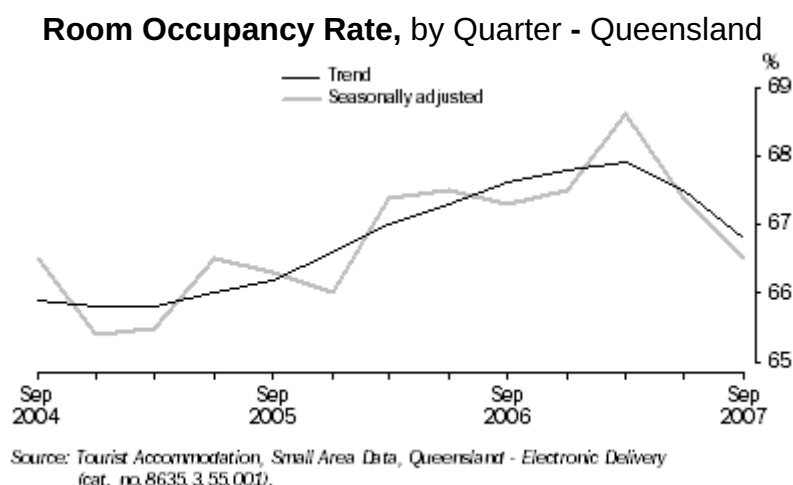
Tourist Accommodation



TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

QUEENSLAND HOTELS, MOTELS AND SERVICED APARTMENTS WITH 15 OR MORE ROOMS

In the September 2007 quarter, there were 1,100 hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms. These establishments had a guest room capacity of 59,257 rooms. The trend estimate of the room occupancy rate for Queensland (67%) was slightly higher than the national average (66%).



In the September 2007 quarter, Queensland hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms catered for 2.9 million guest arrivals. Queensland establishments reported the longest average length of stay for guests (2.6 days) of all states and territories. The national average was 2.2 days.

The trend estimate of the total accommodation takings for hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 rooms or more continued to increase. In the September 2007 quarter, accommodation takings rose by 1.8% to \$508 million from the June 2007 quarter.

For more detailed information on Queensland's tourist accommodation, please refer to [Tourist Accommodation, Australia](#) (cat. no. 8635.0) and [Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland, Electronic Delivery](#) (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001) or ring the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070. This publication and data cube are

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INTERSTATE TRADE

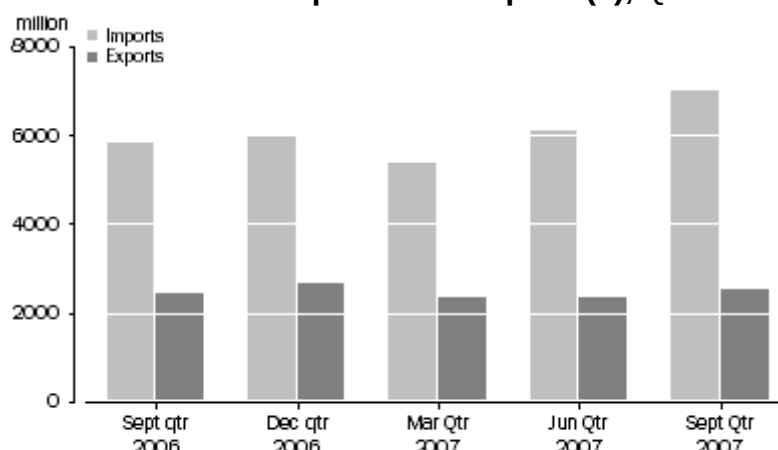
QUEENSLAND'S INTERSTATE TRADE

The value of interstate imports for Queensland in the September 2007 quarter was \$7,003.8 million, a 14% increase on the previous quarter and 20% higher than the same quarter in 2006.

The value in the September 2007 quarter of interstate exports was \$2,541.5 million, a 7.6% increase on the previous quarter and 4.5% higher than the same quarter 12 months earlier.

The value of imports continues to be between two and three times the value of exports.

Value of Interstate Imports and Exports(a), Queensland



(a) Some minor revisions have been made to the December 2006 and September 2006 quarters.

Source: Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research.

NOTE: In compiling the estimates of Interstate Trade for the Office of Economic and Statistical Research, the ABS uses a partial coverage census based on businesses with more than \$400,000 of interstate trade. This collection is now under review due to frame and coverage issues. New businesses are not well represented, so the estimates are likely to be understated. The estimates are prepared for use in the compilation of Treasury's State Accounts and users should exercise strong caution in their independent use.

For further information on this topic, please contact Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research. Interstate trade data are released quarterly.

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